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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF MALI

Ref: State 118192

Below is the translated text of a congratulatory message to
President-elect Obama from Amadou Toumani Toure, President, Republic
of Mali. The original faxed letter is in French and will be sent
via diplomatic pouch.

Begin Translated Text:

Bamako, November 05, 2008
The President of the Republic

Mister Senator,

It is with a very great pleasure that I learned of your brilliant
election to the Presidency of the United States of America.

On this happy occasion, I have the honor to address you my warm
congratulations.

I am convinced that your mandate will be punctuated with successes,
considering your eminent qualities and your keen awareness of your
heavy responsibilities, for a more prosperous and more united world.

Please accept once more my warm congratulations and my best wishes
for success.

Sincerely,

Amadou Toumani Toure

Mister Senator
Barack OBAMA
President-Elect of the United States of America
Washington

End Text.

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